

**CITY OF CLEWISTON**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**February 16, 2015**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, February 16, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland.

**Commissioners Present:** Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Kristine Petersen, Commissioner Sherida Ridgdill, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez. Commissioner Mali Gardner joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Library Director Ava Barrett, Police Chief Don Gutshall, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Utilities Director Danny Williams, City Engineer Tommy Perry, and City Attorney Charles Schoech.

**Visitors Present:** Nanette Aken, and Asa & Betty Godsey.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – None**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- A. *City Commission Workshop Minutes – January 22, 2015*
- B. *City Commission Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2015*
- C. *City Commission Reorganization Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2014*
- D. *Proclamation – Sugar Appreciation Days*
- E. *Event Application - Sugar Festival – April 10 & 11, 2015*
- F. *Event Application – Street Dance (in conjunction with Sugar Festival) 4/10/15*
- G. *Hendry County Library Cooperative Annual Plan of Service 2014-2015 Approval*
- H. *Approval of Library Surplus Inventory List*

**Commissioner Petersen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ridgdill, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays.**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 2. Clewiston Flood Plain Map Discussion.** Community Development Director Reese gave a presentation on the impending flood maps that will go into effect in July of 2015. The Commission discussed what the City might be able to help the situation. Commissioner Gardner asked that Alcee Hastings, Bill Nelson, and Marco Rubio's offices be contacted about the situation and the ramifications for the citizens of Clewiston.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, for City Attorney Schoech to draft a Resolution to present to the Commission that would question how the determination was made that the City of Clewiston would be included in the Flood zone and other cities surrounding the Lake are not; ask for documentation as to why we are being held to a higher standard, stating that the City Commission feels that the City has been "targeted" and request that a different engineering firm remap the City. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.**

Commissioner Ridgdill stated she appreciated the resolution, but when FEMA uses a model that we cannot have access to, she feels our rights have been violated. She stated the model was what caused the determination and it was not taken into consideration about the SFWMD pumps that cost millions. Commissioner Ridgdill stated she felt it should be added in the Resolution that at the public meetings that FEMA conducted, the Citizens of Clewiston were not given any answers, and the cost is unprecedented to the City residents. Commissioner Ridgdill asked if we might get the date of implementation extended. Commissioner Petersen stated she felt the resolution should be delivered in person.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to amend the previous motion to add Commissioner Ridgdill's concerns to the resolution. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays.**

City Manager Perry, City Engineer Tommy Perry and Community Development Director Reese will seek any documentation that might be available from Taylor Engineering and request information from Palm Beach County, and Hendry County as to how certain areas are not included in the flood zone.

**3. Departmental Monthly Activity Reports - Presented for information only.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business.

**COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER** – City Manager Perry stated the new garbage truck should be delivered on February 23. Mr. Perry stated the County will be donating a truck that was used by the Pioneer Fire Department to the City to be used as an animal control vehicle. He stated the City will have to purchase the animal control unit to be placed on the truck, but the truck appeared to be in very good condition. Mr. Perry stated the Commission has been invited to a bark-a-que on March 21 and he will send them the invitation with the specifics.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY** - none

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION** – Mayor Roland stated he has seen and has heard complaints that the garbage truck don't stay on the edge of the road to make their pickups. Public Works Director Scheffler stated one reason for the truck to move closer to the house is the can is not in the proper location. He will start putting a notice on cans that are not placed properly. Commissioner Petersen stated we must be very aggressive with the flood map issues. She stated we have to keep our faces in front of our representatives and also ask our citizens to write letters. Commissioner Ridgdill stated we are having workshops on revitalizing our US27 corridor. She stated she saw a lemonade stand in the parking lot of another business. Commissioner Ridgdill stated she feels we have to protect our businesses that purchase their business tax receipts and not allow those who don't to operate. She stated the Commission has to support the staff when they are enforcing City ordinances. Commissioner Gardner agreed that the local businesses that purchase their business tax receipts should be supported. Commissioner Gardner asked for the amount that security costs the City at the Sugar Festival. Chief Gutshall stated around \$5,000 for the weekend, but the Sugar Festival pays for the overnight vendor security. Commissioner Gardner asked about the implementation of the Tyler Technology software. Finance Director Byrd stated there are a lot of modules to the software and the core financials were the first to be implemented. Mr. Byrd stated the decision was made not to put inventory control or building permits on the Tyler system. He stated the business tax receipts, purchasing and miscellaneous cash receivables have not been implemented yet. Commissioner Gardner stated she would like to get a monthly update on the implementation and a timeline on the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Phillip Roland, Mayor

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Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk